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AUTOTAXIN: MOTILITY STIMULATING PROTEIN

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 and add the following new claims:

autotaxin, wherein said polypeptide thereof has cell motility activity.

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21. The polypeptide of claim 20, wherein said polypeptide is a fragment thereof having at least 5 amino acids.

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